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Dear Ms. Crose:

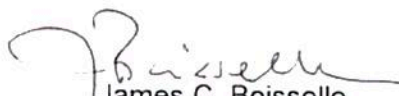
This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), which was assigned USSOCOM FOIA 2019-077 (Enclosed).

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1), via Executive Order 13526, *Classified National Security Information*, paragraph 1.4, USSOCOM can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request; therefore, your request is denied.

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you may appeal within 90 days to the appellate authority, the Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). To submit your appeal, you should write directly to: ODCMO Director of Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Appeals can also be made via the OSD FOIA portal at <https://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx> or by email at [OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil). Your appeal should cite case number 2019-077, and be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

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Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure